

shouting: "Here goes for the prairie," and rushed for the door, followed by every one in the car. The run, however, was not necessary, for when only about 100 feet from the car the storm center took a sudden turn eastward and swept past the rear of the train without touching it. The storm, after passing through the town, took a sudden turn and disappeared in the air. Subscriptions were started here this evening for the benefit of the sufferers.

ALMOST A WATER SPOUT.

Heaviest Rain of the Season Fall Through-out the State.

ASHLAND, June 17.—(Special.)—At an early hour this morning a very heavy rain commenced here and continued for about three-quarters of an hour, during which time over one inch of water fell. For about fifteen minutes the water fell in torrents. Many people began to declare that it was to be a waterspout. No damage, however, is reported beyond many gardens being washed out. The farmers through Saunders county, who have been holding their corn for two years past, have begun to dispose of it, and now the grain merchants are doing a large business. The corn over the county in height ranges from three to three and a half feet. It is in most excellent condition, according to best testimony. The crop now is a week or ten days behind last year, but with the progress being made pressing conditions of the season will last but a short time.

The sale of machines to put up the present crop of small grain in this part of Nebraska is simply astonishing. It is estimated that the crop of oats will be as large as it was ever known before and the wheat crop will be diminished in quantity but not in quality. Spring wheat will be, without doubt, above the average crop fully 20 per cent.

FALLS CITY, Neb., June 17.—(Special Telegram.)—During the night of June 17, lightning killed ten head of cattle and five head of horses for A. H. Smith, one-half mile west of Barada. The stock was grazing with their heads in a barbed wire fence when the bolt struck. Among the horses was a fine span of driving horses.

SCOTCHMAN, Neb., June 17.—(Special Telegram.)—A cyclone of the funnel-shaped, twisting variety passed over here this morning about 1:30 a. m., doing considerable damage. It traveled from the west to the southeast, demolishing Hans Harder's fine barn, killing his chickens and injuring his horses and other stock. It also destroyed a large barn, demolishing it, then went easterly, demolishing the shade trees, fences and out-buildings in its path. It also destroyed a large barn just completed by August Van Thaden. Lifting it bodily up, carrying it two blocks and completely demolishing it. The cyclone swept over here about fifty feet, cleaning the ground like it had been swept. Nearly every residence in town sustained more or less damage. In the country it appears to have been worse, so far as heard from. It destroyed all the buildings on the last block between and beyond the city limits. It destroyed the place, about two miles east of town, it destroyed nearly everything. His buildings and all his machinery are a complete wreck. It took up and moving machinery from the ground and carried it several feet, smashing it to pieces. His house was carried about sixteen feet into the air, demolishing it. Fortunately, no one was injured. The damage in town will come near \$5,000, besides irreparable damage to shade trees.

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Ex-Fire Chief Galligan Appointed Fire Inspector—Charges Against a Fireman—Loses Granted to Members of the Fire and Police Departments.

Martin J. White is the choice of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for chief of police.

In executive session last evening the question of a successor to Chief Seavey was discussed, and it was finally decided to offer the position to Mr. White. It developed that the latter agreed to come to Omaha as the new chief for the sum of \$2,500 per year, and that he would not accept the place at a salary of \$2,000. The committee to whom was referred the duty of selecting a new chief reported that Martin White was practically the choice of business men, and that twenty business men had been found who would annually give \$25 each to raise the additional \$500 necessary to secure his services. When the subject was voted upon, with this assurance, last night, the commissioners decided to make the offer to Mr. White at the figure he asked, and all that is now necessary to complete the arrangements is his formal acceptance and immediate assumption of the duties of the office.

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Martin White is a resident of Chicago. He was born in Waukegan, Wis., thirty-eight years ago. His first position was with the Chicago and Bloomington Coal company, where he was recommended by his ability. After serving as a detective for seven years with that corporation he secured a position on the police force of Chicago. Later he accepted the responsible duties of chief of the secret service for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway system, having supervision in this respect of the territory over which 6,000 miles of tracks and being in active charge of a large force of operatives. He has occupied this position for fourteen years.

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Commencement of the Seventeenth Annual Session Under Bright Auspices.

OTTAWA, Kan., June 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The seventeenth annual session of the Ottawa Chautauqua assembly, the "Chautauqua of the West," opened in Forest park this afternoon. In all the years of its history the assembly never opened with brighter prospects for success. The program is away above the average and the number of tents already erected make it sure that a bigger camp than ever will this year be spread in the park. On the program platform appear the names of such men as T. Dewitt Talmage, Dr. Gumsaulus, John Dewitt Miller, Frank Carpenter, Fred Emerson Brooks, Governor William McKinley, Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, Hon. Z. L. Sweeney, and others. There are four hundred department and personal workers. All of these are in charge of instructors of state and national reputation. Prof. Case organized his grand chorus with a very good initial attendance and are the rehearsal was over the singers had several selections well under way for their first concert, which occurs on Wednesday evening. The opening exercises proper were held at 8 o'clock, followed by Frank Carpenter, the great traveler and newspaper correspondent, in his famous lecture, "A Thousand Miles Into the Heart of China."

MOST OF THE DELEGATES HERE

Convention of Junior Order of United American Mechanics Opens Today.

Yesterday most of the delegates from twenty-five states to the national council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics arrived. Headquarters are at the Hotel Lincoln, and the delegates are being registered. Among them are National Councilor J. G. A. Richter of Ohio, National Secretary Edward S. Deemer of Philadelphia and National Organizer Walter E. Orange of Richmond, Va. The convention will open at Young Men's Christian association hall this morning.

Sent to Her Home in Missouri.

Minnie Johns, 24 years of age, was yesterday sent to her home in Carthage, Mo., by Police Matron Cummings. The matron spent several hours in the afternoon with the girl, who was unable to obtain more than a half-rate ticket. The girl was without a cent of money. She came to the city two months ago with three other girls in answer to an advertisement which stated that fifty girls were wanted in this city. When they arrived here they found that the advertisement was a fraud. The girls, with the exception of Miss Johns, who had no money to pay her way, returned home. Miss Johns lived with a family in Carthage, Mo., and was employed by the family. She was sent to her home in Carthage, Mo., by Police Matron Cummings. She was without a cent of money. She came to the city two months ago with three other girls in answer to an advertisement which stated that fifty girls were wanted in this city. When they arrived here they found that the advertisement was a fraud. 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